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SENS POPPED

Ottawa Senators captain Erik Karlsson and Florida Panthers captain Willie Mitchell tangle during second-period NHL hockey action at the Canadian Tire Centre on Sunday night. After a scoreless first period, Florida took advantage of Ottawa's penalty troubles in second period and went on to win 4-2. More coverage, pages 4 and 19. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Going into Syria 'an inherent risk'

Avoiding air defences poses a concern

Military planners are preoccupied by issues such as how to avoid missile batteries and navigate Syria's defensive radar system, as Parliament debates the merits of expanding and extending Canada's Middle East mission.

The debate among MPs has revolved around the need for a

broader military mission in Iraq and the legality of extending air strikes to include that country's troubled neighbour. Scant attention has been paid to the nature of what pilots are being asked to do and the risks they'll face.

Extremists in Syria won't have much in the way of air defences, other than shoulder-launched missiles that are mostly useless against high-flying jets.

But the mission — bombing targets belonging to the militant group Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant — is unprecedented

in the sense that Canadian jets are being deployed with no effort to suppress or destroy potential anti-aircraft threats, defence experts say.

The opening shots of allied air forces in Libya, Kosovo, and Iraq during the first Gulf War, were always directed at taking down the enemy's air defence network, which in Syria consists of at least 131 active Russian-made surface-to-air missile sites.

Destroying that network is not part of the mission.

Flying into Syria requires a

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The military advice I've received is that the Syrian military has no radar coverage or anti-aircraft armaments in that part of Syria.

Defence Minister Jason Kenney

high level of trust that no one in that country's military has an itchy trigger finger. It will also necessitate clear rules of engagement for pilots that'll likely include taking out missile batteries that lock on to them with radar.

Defence Minister Jason Kenney has noted that no coalition

jets have been fired upon by the Syrians, and says he has a high level of confidence in the U.S. commanders running the war.

Kenney said hundreds of sorties have already been flown over eastern Syria "with no risk to our allies." There's a reason for that, one defence expert said.

"I think they've made it clear through third-party interlocutors that if the Syrian air defence radar lights up, they'll take it out," said retired colonel George Petrolekas of the Conference of Defence Associations.

Kenney told CTV there's "an inherent risk" in any military operation.

"We have contingencies that we develop — in this case with the United States — for rapid evacuation in the case of an incident like that," of a downed Canadian pilot. THE CANADIAN PRESS



A cyclist zooms past a car in Ottawa over the weekend. A helmet isn't mandatory for those over the age of 18, but the experts say it's a good idea. HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

Drivers, get to know a cyclist

SAFETY

Campaign to focus on safer roads for those on two wheels



Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

It's spring in Ottawa and despite the gloomy forecast, soon the snow will melt, the flowers will bloom and the city's cyclists and motorists will once again be road raging at each other.

This year, the city hopes to change that relationship with new programs to pro-

mote safety and empathy between drivers and cyclists.

"We want to get rid of this whole car-versus-cycling mentality," said Rob Wilkinson, who works with the city's Safer Roads program.

"Instead, we want people to know who that cyclist is. They're not just a cyclist, they're a doctor who rides a bike or a firefighter who rides a bike."

Another main focus this year will be cyclists and heavy trucks. The campaign was developed in response to two high-profile collisions last year that ended in fatalities.

Other programs being planned include workshops to teach new immigrants about bike laws in Canada, free bike-light giveaways and

nine new bike repair stations to open before the end of the summer.

The city will be working closely with emergency services, public health and community groups to administer the new programs.

"If we're going to make our roads safer, it takes everyone's input," said Wilkinson. "In a lot of cases with accidents there's a shared responsibility. So our goal with the program is we want to reduce collisions and injuries to zero."

Not surprisingly, colli-

sions begin to rise in March and April and continue to increase through the summer, according to data from the city.

Ottawa averages about 300 collisions a year, according to Wilkinson, but despite the danger, cyclists are eager to get back in the seat.

"We're really excited. Festival season is a great time for cycling, since it's really the easiest way to get to and from summer events in the city," said Gareth Davies, a spokesman for Ottawa-based Citizens for Safe Cycling.



The biggest concern is really just drivers not being used to seeing so many cyclists out.

Gareth Davis, of Citizens for Safe Cycling

+ BACKGROUND

Safety essentials

1. Wear a helmet. Technically it's optional if you're over the age of 18, but if you want to survive a collision it's pretty important.
2. Cyclists must have a bell or horn on their bike, according to the Highway Traffic Act. Use it when passing pedestrians or other cyclists.
3. It's also against the law not to have a light or reflector strips for your bike, either on the front or back.
4. Be predictable. "Don't surprise people with move-



ments. If you're making a turn, signal your intent whether you are a cyclist or a driver," says Rob Wilkinson, of the Safer Roads program.

5. Obey traffic laws. As vehicles on the road, cyclists are required to wait at red lights and make full stops at stop signs. HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

POLITICS

Mayor returns to work

The mayor is expected to be back on the job Monday.

The city issued a release to say Jim Watson is ready to come back to city hall and start by working half-days only.

Watson fractured his pelvis while snowmobiling on Feb. 27 — a painful injury that limited his public engagements.

The accident happened moments after the mayor, Coun. Mathieu Fleury and Coun. Michael Qaqish were about to try out a trail after receiving training on snowmobiles at the Osgoode Carleton Snowmobile Trail Club.

The mayor had taken his snowmobile out for a spin and was coming back toward a cabin when he lost control of the vehicle and then fell to the ground, according to Fleury, councillor for Rideau-Vanier.

METRO

Future Shop's end brings change to retail landscape

BUSINESS

Stores closed abruptly, leaving 1,500 out of jobs



Joe Lofaro
Metro | Ottawa

Irene Ekweozoh spent about an hour driving to Future Shops in Gatineau and Ottawa on Saturday afternoon trying to buy a microphone for her daughter's piano as a birthday gift, but had no clue all of the company's stores nationwide had

been abruptly closed.

"I was so surprised to see that they were closed. I thought maybe it was for renovations or something," she said the following day outside the Best Buy on Merivale Road.

The Future Shop right next door had its doors covered in signs informing customers the store is permanently closed and directing them to the Best Buy, which now owns Future Shop.

In a news release, Best Buy said it will close 66 stores immediately and another 65 stores will be closed for a week to be transformed into Best Buy stores.

"I spent the whole day looking for Future Shop just to get

THE SITUATION IN OTTAWA

Future Shop stores converting to Best Buy:

Ottawa South
Barrhaven (Nepean)

Future Shop stores closing:

Merivale (Nepean)
Kanata

Also note the existing Best Buy stores in Ottawa remain. They are:

Merivale Plaza
Ottawa East
Kanata

same parking lot?" said Kelsey Seabrook, a Best Buy customer, who is already upset about the departure of other stores such as Target and Mexx.

"I get why they closed it, but it seems kind of a shock all at once."

Best Buy said 500 full-time and 1,000 part-time positions will be eliminated as a result of the consolidation. Employees, who worked on commission, were told the news Saturday on the busiest shopping day of the week.

Confused shoppers were still pulling into the Future Shop parking lot Sunday afternoon only to find the notice on the empty store.

a microphone. I didn't hear about it," said Ekweozoh, before buying the long-awaited microphone in time for her daughter Ifechi's eighth birthday on Monday.

Other customers walking into the same Best Buy Sunday

weren't so surprised by the news. To them, opening two stores next to each other under the same company didn't make a whole lot of business sense.

"I remember when they built both of these and everyone was just like, 'Why are they in the



A woman walks by the Future Shop on Merivale Road in Ottawa on Sunday, a day after Best Buy announced all Future Shop stores would close across Canada, with some rebranded as Best Buys. For more on the future of tech retailers in Canada, see page 13. JOE LOFARO/METRO

IN BRIEF

Tories to tackle payments to wounded vets: Sources

The system of awards for the pain and suffering of the country's most severely wounded soldiers is about to be overhauled, as the Harper government attempts to defuse a volatile issue within the angry veterans community.

Multiple federal sources tell The Canadian Press that Veterans Affairs Minister Erin O'Toole will announce targeted improvements on Monday to bring lump sum awards for the most severely disabled more in line with what courts award civilians injured in workplace accidents.

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TECHNOLOGY

New app simplifies travel for commuters



Trevor Greenway
Metro | Ottawa

Transit users in Ottawa will soon be able to check real-time bus locations with just the flick of a wrist.

A transit app for the new Apple Watch is hitting the streets April 24. It aims to give riders accurate arrival times so they know if they have time to blow dry their hair or change that coffee-stained shirt.

"When we were designing the watch app, we asked ourselves how can we make public transit just a little bit more convenient," said Jake Sion, Strategy and Development officer with Transit App.

"It's most important to be able to check when your ride will get here, so with just a couple taps on the watch, you will see the next three departure times for your preferred route. People don't need to wait outside in the cold and feel frustrated about not knowing if or when their bus is going to arrive."

Ottawa is already on board

+ LAUNCH DATE

Commuting made easy

The app — one of the first Canadian apps developed for the new Apple Watch — launches April 24.

with the app, as the company has tens of thousands of users for its real-time iPhone/Android app, but Sion says the watch will make things even more efficient.

"Someone may say, 'Well, how hard is it to take out your phone to check departure times?' But, especially in transit when those seconds matter most, it's always about making things a little bit more convenient, which makes a big difference."

The app also has a "take me home" feature that will map out an A-to-B route with a simple tap. Users will have their address stored in the watch and will just tap the button for directions home.

"You won't have to fumble on the streets with your phone to find out how to get home," explained Sion.



An Ottawa Transit bus. The new Apple Watch app set for launch in April will help Ottawa commuters time their transit trips. METRO FILE

MUSIC

Bluesfest headliner to be named Monday

The lineup for Ottawa Bluesfest is set to get better, as organizers are announcing a "major addition to their lineup" Monday morning.

The crew at Ottawa's premiere music festival was tight-lipped about the identity of the addition, only offering up a cryptic video on its website of executive director Mark Monahan running down an Ottawa trail.

"We had a leak at Bluesfest," Monahan says, out of

breath in the video.

"But they didn't get the biggest name coming to RBC Bluesfest this year."

Monahan then tells fans to check the website at 10 a.m. Monday to discover the identity of the big headliner.

Bluesfest already announced some of its lineup for the July 9 to 19 summer festival, with the likes of Iggy Azalea, Keith Urban, Skrillex and Nas filling the bill.

TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO



Ottawa Senator goaltender Craig Anderson makes a stick save as teammate Kyle Turris looks on during the first period against the Florida Panthers in Ottawa on Sunday night. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Don't stop believing, say Senators fans

NHL

Sens fans stay optimistic despite team's recent slump

The Ottawa Senators were the hottest team in the NHL during a late-season surge but have now suddenly lost three straight games.

That is bad news in a tight playoff race, but Sens fans at one popular watering hole on Sunday night aren't giving up hope yet.

"It happens; it's hockey," said Senators fan Scott Azulay at Real Sports Bar and Grill, where he watched the game.

"I don't know if you would call it a slump."

The 4-2 loss to the Florida Panthers means that the Sens have only earned one point out of a possible six in their last three games.

Andrew Hammond, the goalie whose unprecedented run has been credited for the Sens' success, was injured during his first regulation loss on Thursday against the New York Rangers.

Craig Anderson has started as goalie in both games since, but he is injured too.

Azulay said that his "fingers are crossed" Ottawa can still pull it off and make it into the playoffs ahead of the Boston Bruins and Panthers.

"Every team has its ups



I still think they'll make it. They're going to put the best team to win out on the ice every night.

Senators fan Etienne Archambault

and downs," he said. "I think they've built up some confidence now."

Even if the Senators don't make it to the playoffs, there is no denying that Ottawa has been swept up by the excitement of the late-season surge.

Between the rain of ham-

burgers tossed as tribute to the Hamburglar, Hammond's nickname, and the controversy surrounding city council's early attempt to put up the Sens Mile signs on Elgin Street, a practice usually reserved for the playoffs, the team is the talk of the town.

Judith Carriere also watched Sunday's game at Real Sports Bar and Grill with her friends. While they are all casual Senators fans, they have paid closer attention to the team since its run began.

"Since the Hamburglar came along, we have been watching way more," said Carriere. "We're really hoping they are still going to make it to the playoffs. That's why we're here." NICHOLAS HODGE/FOR METRO

BUSINESS

Baird joins mining firm as an adviser

Former federal foreign-affairs minister John Baird has become a special international adviser to Barrick Gold Corp.

The Toronto-based mining giant, in its annual report that was issued Friday, lists Baird as a member of the company's international advisory board.

Baird, 45, announced in February that he was leaving his position in the Conservative

government's cabinet.

He also said he would not run in the federal election expected in the fall and has resigned as the member of Parliament for Ottawa-West Nepean.

Before entering federal politics, Baird served as a minister in the cabinet of former Ontario premier Mike Harris.



John Baird. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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The downtown Wallack's location, on Bank Street, is one of the three in the Ottawa-area chain of six art supply stores that will remain open. HALEY RITCHIE/FOR METRO

Wallack's crafts a new strategy

BUSINESS

Independent art supply store closing half its locations

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

Ottawa's historic independent art supply store Wallack's has decided to shut down half of its six locations, including stores in Orleans, Gatineau and Hull.

"Sales were low, we weren't effectively running it and inventory was low, which made this difficult for us and difficult for our customers. To fix that priority problem, we had to make adjustments to bring stock back into just a couple locations," said Mi-

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The number of remaining Wallack's stores in the Ottawa/Gatineau region. There had been six.

chael Wallack, the vice-president of the 75-year-old company.

The remaining three Wallack's stores located in Nepean, Centretown and Kingston will remain open, along with the downtown art gallery.

Most of the full-time staff were retained.

Wallack said it was a struggle to maintain inventory at the other locations and there wasn't a lot of interest in running the two Quebec stores after the managing partner passed away.

Like other independent stores, Wallack's has faced

mounting pressure from larger craft chains like DeSerres, Michaels and even Dollarama.

"The pressure that we have from the big box stores and online is really changing the game. We're working on catching up," said Wallack, adding that local support has been essential in keeping the business going.

"There's a lot of people who want to support local and they do. They went to school buying our art supplies, they started their career with Wallack's products. A lot of people have an emotional attachment."

Wallack said inventory levels will return to normal at the three locations in April, when the store plans to launch its revamped e-commerce website.

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CRIME

Tale of two store robberies

Ottawa police have had their hands full with armed convenience store robberies.

On Thursday, police arrested a 17-year-old boy for allegedly robbing a Stittsville shop in January and are now seeking a suspect in a separate robbery in Barrhaven.

Police said the 17-year-old walked into a store along the 800 block of Meadowlands Drive on Jan. 15 with a knife. He demanded money, but when the employee refused, the suspect fled without any cash, police said. There were no injuries.

The boy was charged with robbery, wearing a disguise



Police are seeking this suspect. COURTESY OTTAWA POLICE

and possession of a weapon. He was released on a promise to appear in youth court on April 21.

Meanwhile, in Barrhaven, police are searching for a suspect in a convenience store robbery on Tartan Drive.

At around 2:40 a.m. on March 13, a man walked into the store with a large knife and demanded money and cigarettes. He left with small quantities of cash and smokes.

He's described as about 30 years old, five-foot-seven and around 200 pounds. He was wearing a grey balaclava and a blue, white, and grey striped T-shirt. He also has a cross-shaped tattoo on his right forearm.

Anyone with information can contact the Ottawa police robbery unit at 613-236-1222 ext. 5116 or Crime Stoppers. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

IN BRIEF

Man accused of trafficking cocaine

An Ottawa man has been charged with trafficking cocaine after police executed a search warrant following what they say was a two-week investigation.

Ottawa police say they searched a residence in the 1 to 100 block of Gladecrest Crescent on Wednesday and found 13.9 grams of cocaine with a value of \$1,390, 17 grams of mari-

juana with a street value of \$170, and \$220 in cash.

Nicholas Duplain, a 28-year-old from Ottawa, was arrested in relation to the search and is charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking cocaine, possession of marijuana and possession of proceeds of crime under \$5,000.

The accused has been released from custody and will appear in court on April 22. METRO

Ottawa police locate missing 16-year-old girl

Police in Ottawa have located a 16-year-old girl who went missing on Sunday.

Seija Smolander had been last seen in the area of Snowy Owl Trail in Stittsville around 5:30 a.m.

In an update at 1:15 p.m., police say they located Smolander and that she was safe and sound.

No other details were provided. METRO



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Sunshine List sheds a light on civil servants earning 6 figures

WAGES

Ottawa Police Chief earned more than 300K last year



Lucy Scholey
Metro|Ottawa

The City of Ottawa's top bureaucrat and the chief of police earned sizeable salary hikes last year, while the mayor's base rate stayed the same.

That's according to the 2014 Ontario "Sunshine List" — the annual report that reveals the province's civil servants with six-figure salaries.

Both City Manager Kent Kirkpatrick and Ottawa Police Chief Charles Bordeleau comfortably remain in that \$100,000-plus club.

Kirkpatrick earned \$341,273.58 last year, compared to \$328,284 the previ-

ous year.

Bordeleau pulled in \$274,475.20 — about a \$20,000 pay hike from 2013.

Working on a 2010 campaign promise to freeze his salary last term, Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson's base earnings remained at \$168,102.

Meanwhile, the medical chief at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, Elaine Leung, earned \$375,620.96. The centre has announced it will cut 40 to 50 nurses due to budget shortfalls.

Here are a few of Ottawa's top sunshine list employees:

City of Ottawa

1. Kent Kirkpatrick, City Manager: \$341,273.58
2. Isra Levy, Medical Officer Health: \$324,154.73

Ottawa police

1. Ottawa Police Chief Charles Bordeleau: \$341,273.58
2. Ed Keeley, Deputy Chief: \$225,753.62

Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario

1. Elaine Leung, Medical

Chief: \$375,620.96

2. Pranesh Chakraborty, Director, Newborn Screening: \$346,808.80

Queensway Carleton Hospital

1. Tom Schonberg, President and CEO: \$317,616.40
2. Andrew Falconer, Chief of Staff: \$259,003.94

University of Ottawa

1. Jacques Bradwejn, Dean: \$422,571.54
2. Allan Rock, President: \$394,999.92

(Dale Corbett was the highest-paid professor and fourth-highest earner with a salary of \$332,500)

Carleton University

1. Roseann Runte, President: \$355,268.85
2. Duncan Watt, Vice-President (Finance and Administration): \$273,061.96

(Isaac Otchere was the highest-paid faculty member and 10th highest earner with a salary of \$196,101.60)

Algonquin College

1. Robert Gillett, President: \$443,727.70
2. Kent MacDonald,



Ottawa city manager Kent Kirkpatrick is shown in this file photo. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

President: \$258,791.95

Ottawa Catholic School Board

1. Julian Hanlon, Director of

Education: \$233,033.22

2. Denise Andre, Deputy Director of Education: \$203,452.96.

IN BRIEF

Taxpayers federation says province should freeze wages

Christine Van Geyn, the Ontario director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, said the government needs to clearly state, in contract negotiations, that it can't afford wage increases.

"When you are in the public sector, you are supposed to be making a trade-off between the high wages that the private sector is supposed to offer in exchange for job security and benefits," she said. "It looks like that trade-off doesn't exist anymore."

Conservative MPP Lisa MacLeod (Nepean-Carleton) pointed out that despite government claims of across-the-board wage freezes, the Sunshine List keeps rising.

"I've been saying for years that the way the government is handling Ontario's finances is unsustainable," said MacLeod, who made \$125,174.

Her fellow Queen's Park MPPs earn a base salary of \$116,550, while cabinet ministers make \$165,851.

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PANEL

Psychologist, police officers and other experts talk bullying

Mental health experts, police officers, and school board officials are coming together Monday for the first-ever panel discussion hosted by the Ottawa Bullying Prevention Coalition and Ottawa Public Health.

The event, named Bully-

ing: What Can Parents Do? Let's Talk About It, will take place at Ben Franklin Place at 101 Centrepointe Dr. from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Panel members will include Ottawa police Const. Carissa Beck, CHEO psychologist, Dr. Phil Ritchie, and Dr.

Tracy Vaillancourt, Professor and Canada Research Chair in Children's Mental Health and Violence Prevention at the University of Ottawa.

Parents can participate in a Q & A session at approximately 8:30 p.m.

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TECHNOLOGY

Kanata company launches Star Wars game



Lucy Scholey
Metro|Ottawa

Lightsabers, Darth Vader figurines and Storm Trooper paraphernalia are all piled on the computer desks of a Kanata tech company.

Gigataur may be the dream workplace of any Star Wars kid from the 1970s to 1990s, but the employees are bringing the George Lucas franchise to the fingertips of today's generation.

The tech company scored a deal with Disney to create the new Star Wars Rebels: Recon

AT A GLANCE

You can join the rebellion by downloading the game at Apple, Google and Windows app stores.

Missions game for iOS, Android and Windows devices.

"Kids these days, they know the iconography. They've seen this before," said Gigataur CEO Andrew Fisher, picking up a storm troopers helmet. "They've seen it, but they may not know who it is."

The video game is set about five years before Luke Skywalker meets Obi-Wan Kenobi on the planet Tatooine. Players guide Ezra Bridger through 35 levels as he battles with the Imperial Forces.

Star Wars purists can expect to see C3PO and R2D2 among the cameos from the

original. In fact, the game's story line eventually builds up to "A New Hope," the fourth movie.

The game is geared toward nine- to 12-year-olds — and the first four levels are free, but it's also meant to entice parents who grew up with Chewbacca and Han Solo.

This time, building Star Wars fans involves more than newspaper and TV ads, said Fisher.

"All eyeballs are shifting to mobile," he said.

When Fisher was 11 years old, he camped outside a theatre in the rain to see Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back.

"We might (camp out) for the new one because my kids are getting to that age where they can do that," he said.

His 11-year-old self never dreamed he would end up creating a video game version of the movie.



Gigataur CEO Andrew Fisher, left, and chief creative officer Wes Tam partner with Disney to create a new Star Wars video game. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO



TOURISM ORIGAMI IN OTTAWA Satoko Trivers, from left, Junko Kawai and Takuya Nakagome taught visitors how to do origami while exhibiting Japan at the Travel and Vacation Show at the Shaw Centre in downtown Ottawa on Sunday afternoon. The event took place all weekend long. NICHOLAS HODGE/FOR METRO

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Filipina worker prays for reprieve

ALBERTA

Some TFWs might get more time in Canada, some might not

Lucy Haines
For Metro | Edmonton

As many Canadians will celebrate April 1 with jokes and pranks, 27-year-old Allen Osorez will instead find out her fate, when her temporary work permit in Canada expires and the federal government decides whether to offer her a reprieve or deport her to the Philippines.

Alberta, a province whose energy-sector boom created huge demand for workers in the service industry, is home to a particularly large number of temporary foreign workers (TFWs), about 16,000 of whom face Osorez' dilemma.

They've been here for more than four years and thus are now subject to a new federal law that says they must either be on the path to becoming permanent residents or prepare

“I have hope and faith that the government will let me stay.”

Allen Osorez

to head home as of Tuesday.

Just days before the deadline, Osorez — who has been here only two years, but said her work contract is expiring — said she doesn't know what is about to happen.

“I came here for my family and never expected the law would change,” Osorez said. “I have hope and faith that the government will let me stay. But I think this will be my last chance.”

About two years ago, Osorez left her daughter, then five, and ailing parents behind in the Philippines to move to Edmonton.

She came for a job at a McDonald's through the Temporary Foreign Workers Program, and before she left, she promised her father she'd support the family financially, whatever happened.



Allen Osorez, a native of the Philippines, landed a job at McDonald's in Edmonton, Alta. through the Temporary Foreign Workers Program. Now, she — along with 16,000 others in the province — are facing the possibility of deportation. LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO IN EDMONTON

After a few months, Osorez' father died. Her family has depended on the money she sends home from her job since then.

Osorez works full-time day shifts at a McDonald's in St. Albert, taking the bus to and from the 124 Street-area apartment she shares with a cousin.

“I just got off evenings, and

had to take a cab then, so this is better,” she said. “We're all here to work and not to complain about the shifts we get. God has a plan for everything, and I haven't been home in nearly three years. So we'll see.”

Osorez may get the reprieve she's praying for. Some temporary workers in Alberta are

reportedly receiving an extension while they wait for their permanent resident applications to be processed.

But just who qualifies and who doesn't remains unclear.

The Alberta Federation of Labour and Canadian Federation of Independent Business have both advocated for an

+ DETAILS

As of 2013, Alberta had the highest number of Temporary Foreign Workers (TFWs) of any province: 44,989. That was about 20 per cent of all the TFWs in Canada at the time.

easier path to permanent residency and eventual citizenship for temporary workers, especially in Alberta where worker shortages have created a crisis for the businesses who cannot find other workers to fill jobs.

Adrienne Hill of Alberta's department of Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour said temporary workers are entitled to stay in Canada until their work permit expires or is renewed. Once the permit expires, the worker no longer has their job, she explained.

Osorez said she's not ready to acknowledge she may have to leave Canada if an extension isn't permitted.

“My employer wants us to stay, and I want to stay in my father's memory. I made that promise.”

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Ottawa's eyes were on these protests

What do Canadian veterans, advocates for the disabled, and the country's largest union have in common? Their activities were monitored and reported on by police and government agencies over the last year.

Documents show the central Government Operations Centre received reports on more than 160 protests, community events, and demonstrations between May 2014 and February 2015. The RCMP, Public Safety Canada, and the Privy Council Office prepared reports for the GOC — which co-ordinates the federal government's response to national emergencies and natural disasters.

While much of the monitoring focused on First Nations causes and environmental activism, the GOC showed a diverse set of interests, including:

- A rally on Parliament Hill pushing for better benefits for Canadian veterans.
- A "die-in" protesting police brutality against black Americans, including vigils for Ferguson, Mo., shooting victim Michael Brown organized by the Black Lives Matter movement.
- An event called Paddle for Peace in Fort St. Jean, B.C., where the report noted "public order issues are not expected."
- Canadian Doctors for Refugee Care's national day of action.
- An "interfaith peace demonstration" in Mississauga.
- The RCMP also reported on the Occupy movement in B.C.'s efforts to reach out to like-minded groups to "face the Industrial Hydra."

The documents show police and government agencies have been active on Facebook, reporting on protest plans organized through social media. One report to the centre dealt with a potential "cyber protest" aimed at the oil and gas industry.

The GOC was established by the former Liberal government in 2004. It was meant to provide 24/7 monitoring and "situational awareness" to government departments about potential or actual hazards on a national scale.

But Wayne Easter, a former solicitor general and the Liberal MP who obtained the documents, said the agency seems to have strayed from its original mandate.

"They're supposed to be there in terms of co-ordinating operations for the safety and security of Canadians and the need for an initial response to, whether it's a natural disaster or a man-made disaster, in the most effective and efficient way possible," Easter said Tuesday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

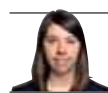


Investigators continue to work at the crash site for Air Canada Flight 624 that skidded off the runway early Sunday at the Halifax Stanfield International Airport. By Sunday afternoon, there only a few signs that anything had gone wrong. JEFF HARPER/METRO IN HALIFAX

Passengers left unfazed by crash at Halifax airport

AIR CANADA

Flight delays, cancellations after plane slid from runway



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

Investigators spent the day at Halifax Stanfield International Airport combing through a badly damaged Air Canada jet that slid more than 340 metres along the runway after a 'hard landing' in a heavy snowstorm.

But, barely 12 hours after the crash, travellers at Stanfield International were dozing in the departures lounge and only a few delays were showing on the arrival and departures boards.

By Sunday afternoon, a handful of people lying on blue mats around the departures gate and delays flashing on screens were the only signs anything had gone amiss.

An Air Canada jet coming from Toronto made a hard landing at the Halifax Stanfield International Airport around 12:30 a.m., and the damaged plane sat on the tarmac all day Sunday after a second runway

was opened.

"Incidents happen. To me it wasn't really an accident, it's an incident ... so it doesn't deter me from flying," said Annette Ford as she waited to board a plane Sunday afternoon that was supposed to leave at 7 a.m.

Halifax International Airport Authority spokesman Peter Spurway said things were running slower than usual on Sunday afternoon, but steadily improving. Power at the airport had gone out soon after the plane landed, taking down the baggage and screening systems, which had to be done manually for a few hours.

"We'll have to make sure

“Flying into Canada, this is what sometimes happens.”

Samantha Compton

that the runway is completely all set before we can put it back in service," Spurway said.

As he waited for his delayed flight to Alberta, Jerome Almon of Cape Breton said there "was a lot of chaos" when he joined the lines of hundreds of people waiting to check baggage Sunday morning, but by 1 p.m.

everything had calmed.

Some slept on blue mats along the benches, while others said they were offered vouchers for food and drink to make up for the unexpected delay.

The city was under a snowfall warning during the landing, and flyer Samantha Compton said it would be a good idea to review regulations in case anything could be improved.

"Flying into Canada, this is what sometimes happens, and (it's) unlucky, but everyone deals with the situation the best they can," said Compton, who arrived in Halifax after her flight in was delayed in Montreal.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Atlantic region sees decline in birth rates

Coles Island School in New Brunswick has taught children for 58 years but this may be its last.

Enrolment has dwindled to a point where the school now teaches 30 students from kindergarten to Grade 5. The area's district education council voted this month to close the school.

The school's closure is just one way the province's demographic shift manifests itself. Here's another: Statistics Canada reported this month that more people died than were born in New Brun-

wick last year for the first time since it began tracking such figures. Two other provinces — Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador being the others — have also recorded more deaths than births in recent years.

Academics and politicians have warned about Canada's aging population and what it will mean for the country's social services and its rural communities. Nowhere is that impact more acutely felt than in Atlantic Canada.

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JUSTIN BIEBER

Limo driver's lawyer looking forward to cross-examination

The lawyer for a limousine driver who has launched a civil lawsuit against Justin Bieber says he is "looking forward to the opportunity of cross-examining" the Canadian pop star. Clayton Ruby, the lawyer for Abdul Mohar, has filed documents in an Ontario court that allege that Bieber assaulted his client during an incident in 2013. Ruby says he does "not make allegations lightly" and intends to prove them. THE CANADIAN PRESS

WALMART PARKING LOT

Police watchdog probes man's death

Ontario's police watchdog is investigating the death of a 58-year-old man after a standoff in a Peterborough parking lot that forced a lockdown at a Walmart on Saturday.

The Special Investigations Unit says Peterborough city police were contacted about a man with a firearm.

An SIU statement says officers located the man in his vehicle in the store's parking lot and tried to communicate with him.

The agency says a gunshot

was heard from the man's vehicle and police found the man dead. A post-mortem has been scheduled for Monday morning in Toronto.

Local media outlets reported there were several hundred of people in the store at the time.

Peterborough paramedics were called to provide assistance to any customers at the supermarket who required medical attention, but no injuries among the customers were reported.

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FRANCE ELECTIONS

Socialists lose to mainstream right

Former President Nicolas Sarkozy blasted the “lies, denial and impotence” of France’s governing Socialists after estimates showed his conservative party and their allies chalked up wins across France in Sunday’s local elections that saw the left lose half of its councils. The far-right National Front edged forward in its bid to create an army of grassroots support.

Socialist Prime Minister Manuel Valls conceded that the mainstream right won the voting.

“It is incontestable,” Valls said, bemoaning divisions within the left that he said proved costly.

Polling firms estimated that Sarkozy’s conservative UMP and centrist allies won 66 to 70 of the 98 local councils, while President Francois Hollande’s divided Socialist Party — which held the majority of local councils before the elections — took up to 35 but

potentially losing half of those it held before the elections. Last week’s first round pointed to a win of the mainstream right.

Sarkozy, in a victory statement, said the right would prepare a changing of the guard “to redress the country, stop the decline that the most archaic socialism in Europe has plunged it into.”

Estimates suggested the anti-immigration National Front could win up to two councils with scores that Valls said were “clearly in progression.”

The political stakes were high despite the local vote as Hollande’s left tried to save itself after failing to boost the lagging French economy or increase jobs and Sarkozy’s right eyed a comeback, and each side tried to fend off the anti-immigration National Front which comes off a series of electoral victories.

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YEMEN

Military strikes to continue: Leaders

A two-day Arab summit ended Sunday with a vow to defeat Iranian-backed Shiite rebels in Yemen and the formal unveiling of plans to form a joint Arab intervention force, setting the stage for a potentially dangerous clash between U.S.-allied Arab states and Tehran over influence in the region.

Arab leaders taking turns to address the gathering spoke repeatedly of the threat posed to the region’s Arab identity by what they called moves by “foreign” or “outside parties” to stoke sectarian, ethnic or religious rivalries in Arab states — all thinly-veiled references to Iran, which has in recent years consolidated its hold in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon and now Yemen.

The summit’s final commu-

nique made similarly vague references, but the Arab League chief, Nabil Elaraby, was unequivocal during a news conference later, singling out Iran for what he said was its intervention “in many nations.”

A summit resolution said the newly unveiled joint Arab defence force would be deployed at the request of any Arab nation facing a national security threat and that it would also be used to combat terrorist groups.

The agreement came as U.S. and other Western diplomats were pushing to meet a Tuesday deadline to reach a deal with Iran that would restrict its nuclear program in exchange for the lifting of economic sanctions.

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TUNISIA LEADING SUSPECT IN MUSEUM ATTACK KILLED IN ANTI-TERRORISM RAIDS: PRIME MINISTER A protester holds placards reading “All together against terrorism” during an anti-extremism march, in Tunis, Sunday. Tens of thousands of Tunisians from across the political spectrum marched through the capital Sunday to denounce extremist violence after a deadly museum attack on foreign tourists. Hours ahead of the rally, security forces killed nine terrorist suspects in raids around the country. HICHEM JOUINI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Co-pilot of crash belongs to our community: Pastor

FLIGHT 9525

Andreas Lubitz’s hometown shocked

The pastor of the Lutheran church in Andreas Lubitz’s hometown said Sunday that the community stands by him and his family, despite the fact that prosecutors blame the 27-year-old co-pilot for causing the plane crash that killed 150 people in southern France.

The town of Montabaur has been rattled by the revelation that Lubitz, who first learned



The co-pilot, the family belong to our community, and we stand by this, and we embrace them and will not hide this, and want to support the family in particular.

Michael Dietrich, pastor of the Lutheran church in Andreas Lubitz’s hometown

to fly at a nearby glider club, may have intentionally caused Tuesday’s crash of Germanwings Flight 9525.

“For us, it makes it particularly difficult that the only victim from Montabaur is suspected to have caused this tragedy, this crash — although this has not been finally confirmed, but a lot is indicating that — and we

have to face this,” pastor Michael Dietrich said.

He spoke to The Associated Press after holding a church service Sunday to commemorate the crash victims and support their families.

“The co-pilot, the family belong to our community, and we stand by this, and we embrace them and will not hide this, and

want to support the family in particular,” Dietrich said.

He added that there is no direct contact with the family at the moment, but that he believes they are receiving good assistance.

French prosecutors haven’t questioned the family yet “out of decency and respect for their pain,” Marseille prosecutor Brice Robin said.

Authorities are trying to understand what made Lubitz lock his fellow pilot out of the cockpit and ignore his pleas to open the door before slamming the plane into a mountain on what should have been a routine flight from Barcelona to Duesseldorf. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Crowdsourcing holds key

FIRST NATIONS

Thinkers challenged to find solution to health care

A long and dark list materializes when tabulating the health problems plaguing First Nations communities across Canada: HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis, nutritional deficits, alcohol and drug dependency, suicide.

Some innovative thinkers say they believe a brilliant solution could cost as little as \$25,000.

An accounting firm and new tech outfit have paired to try to inspire problem-solvers from around the world to generate cost-effective ideas that might prove to be the magic elixir for the health-care challenges facing First Nations.

Calgary-based MNP LLP has adopted a strategy that's also being used by Google as it tries to send a robot to the moon — combining crowdsourcing and cash incentives to find



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solutions. "Everybody will say, 'Let's throw more money at this problem,'" said Clayton Norris, an executive with MNP. "But that's not what we're saying here."

The firm is putting up just \$25,000 as first prize, and two smaller prizes of \$5,000, for the best ideas that will be judged by a panel of health experts and its own representative. The

challenge is dubbed Operation Blue Sky.

First Nations health advisers say the avant-garde use of crowdsourcing, referring to the process of soliciting a

multitude of micro-ideas using the expansive reach of 21st century communications, is a first for aboriginal health care in Canada.

Finding an affordable way to address the many health problems faced by First Nations is a big ask, Norris admitted. But his firm was inspired to try something different, by the online platform that's hosting the challenge.

The company, called HeroX, is a for-profit spinoff of the XPrize Foundation, which is running Google's higher-stakes \$30-million competition urging teams to design a cheap lunar robot by the end of 2016.

Norris said the competition stems from MNP's desire to give back to its clients — more than 150 First Nations across the country. The deadline for proposals is Aug. 12. Anyone can submit a solution, although the firm is encouraging entries from aboriginal Canadians who already have some experience providing community health care. MNP funds the prize, while also paying a small percentage to HeroX.

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IN BRIEF

Target speeding up its exit from Canada

Target Corp. is planning to close all of its Canadian stores even faster than originally planned.

A court-appointed monitor overseeing the windup of the Target Canada stores says all 133 locations across the country will be permanently shut down by "as early as mid-April," which is about a month ahead of schedule.

Some locations have already ceased operations — 17 stores closed in the middle of March. Another six Target locations will shutter on Monday, while 23 are slated for closure on April 1, and 32 more on April 2.

A liquidation has been underway since last month, while lawyers are in court trying to iron out the details of Target's departure. A variety of creditors that include landlords, suppliers and others impacted by the closures, are trying to determine what will happen to money they're owed.

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RETAIL

Future Shop's closure doesn't spell end of tech stores: Expert

The elimination of the Future Shop brand may be the end of an era for the once-successful Canadian retailer, but it does not foretell the end for stand-alone electronics stores, says one business expert.

Mark Satov says closing Future Shop was an "inevitable" move for Best Buy, the American company that bought the Canadian retailer in 2001.

"Best Buy is a big U.S. brand, so if they had to shutter one

brand in Canada it would certainly be Future Shop," said Satov, a business adviser on customer strategy with Satov Consultants in Toronto.

Best Buy Canada announced on Saturday the closure of 66 Future Shop locations in Canada, with the remaining 65 to be rebranded as Best Buy.

Satov says while electronics are often purchased online, he predicts customers will continue to value stores on the

ground.

"If you are retaining bricks-and-mortar it's going after a different segment, it's providing a different experience, making sure to have the expertise and other things in the store that you just can't get online," said Satov.

"Not everybody is going to go get that experience and feel right about then going online and buying it from somebody else." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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What is the bigger vision for our post-secondary institutions?

More and more, our post-secondary institutions are behaving like private — rather than public — enterprises, and it's students who are propping them up.

The ones benefitting, however, are university bigwigs.

Their salaries are routinely grabbing headlines, like UBC president Stephen Toope's \$536,196, making him the top paid among post-secondary employees in B.C. last year, according to media reports.

University of Alberta president Indira Samarasekera was criticized for her \$529,000 salary in 2013. And just last week, we learned Western University president Amit Chakma earned an incredible \$924,000 last year.

Relax, Western countered: It's really only a \$440,000 salary. Chakma got a two-for-one last year because he was owed a paid year of leave. Yeah, right. Job perks are not an excuse — they're part of the problem. And close to half a million dollars is still too high.

Don't give me the bull that you need to attract talent. A prestigious job with the ability to create real change will attract excellent candidates. It does for many other Canadian schools for half the price.

So why the high salaries?

David Macdonald, an economist at the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, said universities are competing against the private sector, where RBC's CEO made \$7.56 million last year, instead of the

public sector, where Prime Minister Stephen Harper pulled in \$327,400.

If university boards believe they need to think like the private sector, who am I to disagree? Besides, that strategy aligns with their revenue models, which depend less and less on government funding and more and more on private sources, mostly tuition fees. Tuition now covers 51 per cent of Ontario university budgets, according to the province's faculty associations. Nationally, according to 2009 stats, they represent 35 per cent of university budgets, up from about 14 per cent in 1989.

But, my question is: What is the bigger vision for our post-secondary institutions? And where is the end game?

Macdonald argues we're already beginning to look like the U.S. (where median compensation for university presidents in 2014 was \$478,896, according to one newspaper analysis).

Meanwhile, students from the University of Saskatchewan were protesting high tuition fees last week, conjuring up a dream, some might say, of free post-secondary education.

Other wealthy countries such as Denmark and Germany offer that; it's an idea that's realistic, yet wildly unlikely here.

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Only \$100K? Sounds like plenty to me, Sunshine

COLLINS' CAPITAL

Steve Collins



The rites of spring in Ontario include the release of the Sunshine List — and accompanying assurances from public sector unions that \$100,000 ain't what it used to be.

The Public Sector Salary Disclosure, established in 1996, lists public servants earning \$100K and up, a threshold which, adjusted for inflation, would be more like \$142,000 today.

As it stands, we're told, the roster of top-earning public servants also catches more and more regular folks just scraping by on six figures.

Well, OK. But to me and most people I know, a hundred grand is what it's always been: pretty much unattainable. The Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives in response pointedly reminds

us that half of Ontarians report an income of less than \$35,000.

I'm not arguing that anybody on the Sunshine List isn't worth what they're paid, but if you consider \$100,000 a working stiff's take-home, I'm suggesting you travel in reasonably fortunate circles and should think of giving generously to your nearest city columnist. Every little bit helps!

Despite any distortions of the financial picture this overly modest salary cap may create, the numbers tell interesting stories here at home — where 2,247 city employees made the Sunshine List in 2014. Measured by paycheque, the hierarchy of Ottawa's city government as you might imagine it undergoes a bit of a shuffle.

Mayor Jim Watson (\$168,102) wears the chain of office, sits in the big chair and risks life and limb as our civic snowmobile stuntman, but our chief magistrate doesn't

even crack the top 10 highest-paid city employees.

City Manager Kent Kirkpatrick (\$341,273), Police Chief Charles Bordeleau (\$274,475) and OC Transpo GM John Manconi (\$234,552) are among 17 city workers who pull in more than the boss.

Speaking of OC Transpo, eight city bus operators made the \$100,000-plus list in 2012. In 2014, that doubled to 16. I don't have a count of six-figure earners among their passengers, but suspect it has not doubled in the same period.

This is not necessarily excessive when you consider that transit riders entrust these drivers with their lives.

And ditto police, who always figure prominently on the Sunshine List. For 2014, 1,079 Ottawa Police Service employees made the cut.

In 2012, 113 rank-and-file constables broke the six-figure barrier. Last year, the total was 726. Explanations include top-ups from an arbitration

settlement and overtime pay, but what it boils down to is that their numbers exploded on the list because more of them were paid more money.

In Toronto, where the policing bill is even higher, police union president Mike McCormack called the annual salary disclosure a "public shaming" that only stirs up resentment among the unwashed. He's another one arguing to push the pay threshold over \$100,000.

It's a strange argument but sadly a common one: If we give the public information, they're only going to feel the wrong way about it or draw the wrong conclusions, so let's give them less of it.

Sure, some of us may grow envious, question the heft of some paycheques, or just enjoy a voyeuristic thrill from looking up people we know.

But how are these paycheques not the business of the people paying the salaries?

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Get a grip on broolly behaviour on the bus

URBAN ETIQUETTE

How to keep umbrella use right as rain

Ellen Vanstone



Dear Ellen,

Winter is barely over, but I've already found myself about to sit down on the bus only to discover a wet seat caused by a previous passenger placing their umbrella on it. That, and I was almost stabbed by the person in front of me carrying their umbrella under their arm and stopping too quickly. What is the proper etiquette when it comes to commuting with umbrellas?

— Jeff in Vancouver

Dear Jeff,

It is never advisable to sit down on a wet seat on public transit, but at least in your case, we can assume the moisture is pure West Coast rainwater — not that it makes bad umbrella etiquette any less annoying.

Proper procedure with a drippy broolly is to shake it, shake like it's hot, then roll it

up, strap it shut and hold it close to you like a cane, tip down toward the floor, while you sit or stand on the bus or train.

Chances are, a few stray drops may dampen your own leg, but if anyone's forced to soak up excess water from an umbrella, let it be the said umbrella's owner.

If you have a purse-size collapsible broolly, and you're OCD enough to have kept the little sleeve it came in, shake the umbrella, bundle it into the sleeve, or a plastic bag, and stuff it into your purse, knapsack or pocket.

As for the jabbing, not only is such behaviour the height of rudeness, it can also be fatal, as in the case of Bulgarian ex-pat Georgi Markov, who was jabbed in the calf by the tip of a passerby's broolly on London's Waterloo Bridge in 1978, and died three days later.

your propensity for sarcasm remains at moderately civil levels, you are likely safe from this kind of murderous umbrella attack.

Still, when jabbed, even unfatally, it is tempting to use your own umbrella as a retaliatory weapon, but it would

Admittedly, the umbrella that killed Markov contained the deadly poison ricin delivered in a micro-engineered pellet devised by KGB technology. It's also true that Markov was a particularly sarcastic critic of Iron Curtain Communism. So if you're not a target of Cold War spies and

be very bad manners indeed to thrash a fellow commuter on public transit with your rolled-up umbrella — even if it's the very small, purse-sized model — no matter how much they deserve it.

A simple request is the way to go: "Excuse me, I wonder if you could lower your umbrella a touch?" (taking care not to add, sarcastically or otherwise, "and shove it where the sun don't shine").

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“it would be very bad manners indeed to thrash a fellow commuter

PSYCHOLOGY

Humans designed to weather breakups

Humans are wired to break up and move on, according to a new study drawing on the field of evolutionary psychology.

"Our review of the literature suggests we have a mechanism in our brains designed by natural selection to pull us through a very tumultuous time in our lives," says Brian Boutwell, associate professor of criminology and criminal justice and associate professor of epidemiology at Saint Louis University in the U.S.

Dr. Boutwell focused on the process of breaking up (deemed primary mate ejection for the purposes of the study), and getting over it — which is called secondary mate ejection.

"It suggests people will recover; the pain will go away with time," he says of his research. "There will be a light at the end of the tunnel."

Men are more likely to end relationships if their partner has cheated on them, according to the study, indicating that for evolutionary purposes, men

are hard-wired to avoid raising children of whom they are not the biological father.

Women are likely to end relationships if their partner is emotionally unfaithful and this also has evolved for practical reasons, according to the study, which was published in the journal Review of General Psychology.

Mate ejection by females has evolved as a way to avoid the loss of resources, such as physical protection, that their mates provide, says Dr. Boutwell.

Yet men and women have reasons in common for ending a relationship, according to Dr. Boutwell, whose research suggests neither tolerates cruelty.

Research into lost love is important, says Dr. Boutwell, in developing a better understanding of why relationships fail.

"If we better understand mate ejection, it may offer direct and actionable insight into ways in which couples can save a relationship," he says. AFP



Humans are wired to survive loss of love, study shows. ISTOCK



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FINANCING

Beware of hidden driving expenses and too-long loans

Gail Vaz-Oxlade
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I'm standing in front of a money moron pointing out that he's spending way too much on his vehicle. His response: "It's only \$350 biweekly." Lord love a duck! The dude is taking home about \$4,000 a month and thinks that spending \$700 a month on a vehicle payment is OK.

"So you're OK spending more than a quarter of your income on your car?" I ask, my eyes almost popping out of my head in disbelief. (You've seen my eyes do that, right?)

"What do you mean?" he asks, since by his calculation, he's nowhere near the 25 per cent mark.

"Add in your insurance, your maintenance, your gas," I say, stabbing at the paperwork in front of us, "it comes up to \$1,100 a month. That's 27 per cent of your income."

He looks stunned. He had never added it up.

Of course he hadn't. He'd seen that \$350 biweekly payment and felt really good about working that into his non-existent budget. And he never thought of the payment in the context of his income. He'd seen a pay-



The salesman, eyes twinkling, says, "C'mon, it's just \$125 a week to drive this beauty!" But if you fall for this trap it will cost you. iSTOCK

ment of \$350 and thought, "I can have this great car for \$350!"

The biweekly or weekly payment is the latest trend in payment positioning in the car biz. You can make just about any payment amount palatable if you break it down enough. The salesman looks at you, a twinkle in his eye, and says, "If you take the loan for 84 months, you can have that beautiful vehicle for just \$125 a week."

Zoom! Zoom! You can do \$125 a week, right? C'mon, it's just \$125 a week to drive this beauty! Back to my money moron.

"I have more bad news for you, buddy. Have you added up what this vehicle is going to cost you by the time you've paid it off?"

"No," he says sheepishly. Why would he do that? He doesn't want to know what the interest is going to add to the cost



You can make just about any payment amount palatable if you break it down enough.

of the vehicle? He just needs to know how small he can make the payment.

"OK," I say, "that's the next step." I give him a calculator and say, "Multiply the \$45,000 you dropped on this baby by the six per cent you're paying on your loan. Then divide by 12 to get the monthly interest. What do you get?"

He pushes the buttons on the calculator and comes up smiling. "\$225," he says, confident

that he's done it right.

"How long is the loan?"

"72 months," says he.

"Since the interest is calculated on a declining balance, we're going to use 68 months for this calculation. Multiply \$225 by 70 months."

He pushes more buttons and says, "\$15,750."

"So you'll have paid over \$60,000 for that \$45,000 car!"

He's surprised. He'd never thought about adding the finan-

cing cost into the purchase price to see what the car was actually going to cost.

Now that we have, he has the decency to look chagrined.

"Assuming, of course, you drive that puppy for six years."

Car salespeople have another nifty trick up their sleeves when it comes to making you feel better about being a money moron.

If you run out of car before you run out of payment they're happy to roll what you owe to the new vehicle they're selling you. They call what you still owe "negative equity."

Don't be fooled by the word "equity." You don't have any, thus the word "negative." Translated into English, "negative equity" equals "debt."

So now that you've taken a too-long loan, and the loan has outlasted the vehicle, why don't you take some of that debt you haven't yet paid off and wrap it around your new car loan, driving up the new car cost even further?

Why not? C'mon, it'll get you into a snappy new vehicle for just \$125 a week if you take the loan for eight years. It's a deal!

Buying a vehicle is a big expense. If you extend the loan payments past 48 months, you're buying more vehicle than you can afford.

Don't fool yourself by going for one of those massively long loan periods. You're deluding yourself and you'll end up paying way more than the vehicle is worth.

If you haven't added the loan cost to the cost of the vehicle so you know what that sweet ride will end up costing you, you're being an ostrich.

"Get rid of the car," I say, "you can't afford it."

His mate looks over at me triumphant. She told him not to buy that car, but he'd gone ahead and done it anyway. Money morons aren't particularly good listeners!

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Doctors have duty to warn: Experts

MENTAL HEALTH

A look at the responsibilities of a person who fears risk to the public

Emerging evidence in the investigation into Germanwings co-pilot Andreas Lubitz is raising suspicions he may have suffered from mental health problems which he hid from his employer.

And that, in turn, is raising questions of whether a mental health professional has a duty to warn authorities if he or she thinks a patient is likely to be a threat to others — in the workplace or elsewhere.

The short answer to that question is yes.

Let's take a look at this issue:

What is the evidence that suggests Lubitz had mental health problems?

It's early in the investigation, and information could change. But German media are reporting the co-pilot had been treated for depression. And The New York Times is reporting that among Lubitz's papers were several doctors' notes stating he was too ill to work, including one for the day he seems to have deliberately crashed the plane he was co-piloting.

If Lubitz was under the care of a mental health professional, was that person duty-bound to warn authorities if it appeared Lubitz posed a risk to his airline's passengers?

Psychiatrists, like other medical professionals, are bound by laws of confidentiality. They must keep private the information they learn from their patients. That said, courts have ruled that at times the duty to a patient is superseded by the duty to warn or protect others.



Candles are lit to remember the victims of the Germanwings Airbus flight on Saturday in Digne-les-Bains, France. The tragedy involving an apparently mentally ill co-pilot is raising questions of whether mental health professionals have a duty to warn authorities if they think a patient is likely to be a threat to others. THOMAS LOHNES/GETTY IMAGES

How has this played out in the courts?

A pivotal case occurred in the 1970s and involved a California psychologist who was counselling a student at the University of California at Berkeley. In counselling, the student threatened to kill another student, Tatiana Tarasoff. The therapist took the threat seriously and alerted campus police. They briefly detained the student, but let him go. No one warned Tarasoff, and in October 1969 she was murdered. Her parents sued.

From this case came the understanding that health professionals not only had a duty to warn that a patient might be a threat to others, but that warning wasn't enough if it didn't protect the possible victim.

What have the courts said in Canada?

Here the rules are guided by a Supreme Court decision from 1999 in a case called Smith vs.

Jones. A psychiatrist, John Smith, did a psychiatric evaluation at the behest of the defence lawyers for James Jones, accused of aggravated sexual assault. During the session, Jones disclosed plans to kidnap, rape and kill prostitutes.

Smith applied to the courts for the right to disclose the confidential information. Lawyers for Jones attempted to block Smith. The case ended up before the Supreme Court of Canada, which ruled that doctor-patient confidentiality is not absolute and may have to be breached if there is a danger to the public.

How is that applied here?

It is spelled out in a policy paper from the Canadian Psychiatric Association entitled The Duty to Protect.

The association interprets the Supreme Court ruling to mean that doctors do have a duty to disclose information they've been told by patients if they believe those patients pose a

danger. And it tells members to warn patients that there are limits to confidentiality.

The association notes the Supreme Court did not stipulate exactly how medical professionals should discharge their duty

to protect, but says the steps could include detaining a patient believed to be dangerous, treating that patient or breaching confidentiality by informing the police or the intended target of the violence. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IS A SICK NOTE ENOUGH?

No, says Dr. Jeff Daskalakis, chief of the mood and anxiety division at the Toronto's Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. Daskalakis says if a doctor felt the pilot wasn't well enough to work, that doctor should have informed the airline.



Andreas Lubitz

"If you feel that there's a remote risk that this person has any kind of violent ideas and they're flying a plane, then I think it's essential ... to contact and notify the right authorities to make sure that both the person and the people that this person is responsible for are safe."

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PICK**
**EBOOKS****Becoming Steve Jobs**

- By Brent Schlender & Rick Tetzeli
- Kindle/iBooks/Kobo

This rather affectionate account of Steve Jobs' life puts a strong focus on his spiritual side while portraying his infamously acerbic moods as a "bundle of contradictions" that was often channeled to "good use." It's a thorough telling, full of new photos and anecdotes, but offers few revelations.

**GAMING****The Trace: Murder mystery game**

- iPhone/iPad
- \$5.79

This hands-on detective adventure offers elaborate crime scenes you can step through, clues you can pick up and scan, and a trail of grisly murder mysteries to solve using a helpful decision tree of nagging questions and evidence puzzles. It's dark and engaging.

**APP****Kitchenbowl Recipes & Cookbook**

- iPhone/iPad
- Free

Good recipe apps offer clear instructions. The best use step-by-step photo guides. Kitchenbowl goes one step further with animated GIFs and tools you can use to record and share. This creates a social network where you can pick up new tricks and find food inspiration.

**APP****myHealthPal Take Control**

- iPhone
- Free

Designed to help those with long-term health concerns manage their condition, this journal uses interactive tests and questionnaires to track symptoms, medication, diet, exercise and mood. Creator Mike Barlow has Parkinson's and encourages users to donate their app results as anonymized data for partnered research programs.

**GAMING****Bloodborne**

- PlayStation 4
- Rating: Mature 17+

Progress is very hard to come by in Bloodborne, a macabre Victorian combat adventure intentionally designed with a confusing and punishing difficulty where you die and reset over and over, doomed to repeat the same sequences again and again. Some may enjoy the challenge, but most will find it frustrating.

TRENDS**People aren't sold on self-driving cars**

Although many can accept that autonomous vehicles could cut accidents caused by drunk driving or distractions and even increase productivity and leisure time, one third of U.S. adults say that they would never consider buying or leasing one.

Truly autonomous vehicles may well be some 20 years away from becoming an everyday reality, but the buzz around the technology has already reached deafening levels. To understand how this increasing media cover-

age is impacting consumer opinions, Harris Poll has surveyed a representative sample of 2,276 U.S. adults and the results are surprising.

Even though a number of active assist systems are already appearing on cars, including park and traffic jam assist features, there is no consensus on this breakthrough. Just under one in five feel that self-driving cars are "insanely cool" and 22 per cent would go as far as to say it's a technology they'd love to

have, but 12 per cent say that the whole subject is just "confusing."

As for perceived benefits and drawbacks, the computing power needed to take over driving responsibilities is weighing heavy on some people's minds — 80 per cent think that computer 'glitches' are going to be an issue

19%

Of respondents in a survey feel autonomous vehicles are 'insanely cool'

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and 37 per cent are concerned about personal data breaches.

A number of studies have highlighted how many accidents self-driving cars could prevent each year and a number of tech-focused companies in the industry, most notably Google and Tesla, have talked up how moving the human element from driving is the key to preserving life. AFF



While autonomous cars could cut down on incidents of drunk driving and increase leisure time, drivers still have their doubts about the technology. SHUTTERSTOCK

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Ageless wonder pulls rug out from under Senators

NHL
Jagr's pair has Florida clawing at the heels of Ottawa

Jaromir Jagr had two goals and Dan Ellis made 25 saves Sunday night as the Florida Panthers defeated the Ottawa Senators 4-2.

The win pulled the Panthers (35-26-15) to within a single point of Ottawa (37-26-12) for ninth in the Eastern Conference.

The Senators are now three points behind the eight-place Boston Bruins. Ottawa has a game in hand.

Jussi Jokinen and Dave Bolland also scored for Florida while Erik Karlsson and Jean-Gabriel Pageau found the back of the net for the Senators. Ottawa's Craig Anderson made 33 saves.

Trailing 2-0 entering the third period, Karlsson got the Senators on the board with a power-play goal at 4:43. It was just the second time in the last 34 opportunities at home that Ottawa converted on the power play.

Karlsson took a shot from the point that found its way through four bodies and past Ellis.

After drawing Anderson out of the net with a fake shot, the 43-year-old Jagr scored his second goal of the game at 13:57 on a wraparound to give the



Senators goalie Craig Anderson allows a second-period goal against the Florida Panthers on Sunday night at Canadian Tire Centre. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL On Sunday

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PANTHERS

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SENATORS

Panthers a 3-1 lead.

Pageau scored at 17:39 for the Senators before Bolland iced the game with an empty-net goal.

After a scoreless first period, Florida took advantage of Ottawa's penalty troubles in the second by scoring twice with the man advantage.

Jagr opened the scoring at 7:36 when he cut to the front of the net and beat Anderson through the legs with a shot from the hash marks.

That goal came with Senators defenceman Eric Gryba in the

47

Florida leads the NHL in one-goal games with 47.

penalty box for interference. Gryba was again in the box, this time for roughing, when Jokinen scored at 15:49 to give the Panthers a

AROUND NHL

Bruins 2, Hurricanes 1.

David Pastrnak scored on a nice centring pass from Carl Soderberg at 4:23 of overtime, giving Boston a win over Carolina

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Capitals 5, Rangers 2.

Alex Ovechkin scored twice and Jason Chimera added two goals in the third period to rally the Washington Capitals to a 5-2 victory over the New York Rangers on Sunday.

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Islanders 5, Red Wings 4.

Frans Nielsen's goal 16 seconds into the second period broke a 3-3 tie and the New York Islanders held on to beat the Detroit Red Wings 5-4 for their first home win this month.

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IN NASHVILLE Flames lower the Bouma

Lance Bouma scored two goals to lead the Calgary Flames to a 5-2 win over the Nashville Predators on Sunday.

Michael Ferland, Kris Russell, and Jiri Hudler also scored for the Flames, who snapped a two-game losing streak.

Roman Josi and Seth Jones had the goals for Nashville. Playing their third game in four days, the playoff-bound Predators' four-game winning streak came to an end.

Calgary moved into third-place in the Pacific Division and a play-off spot in the ultra-tough Western Conference with the win.

The Flames are 19-21-4 when their opponents score first and won all three games against the Predators this season.

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Michael Ferland put the Flames up 3-1 in the second period on Sunday in Nashville. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Canada's Ann-Renee Desbiens jumps over Russia's Olga Sosina during Sunday's game in Malmo, Sweden. CLAUDIO BRESCIANI/TT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP Canada rebounds vs. Russia in Malmo

Canada bounced back from a loss to start the women's world hockey championship with a 4-0 victory over Russia on Sunday.

Courtney Birchard and Caroline Ouellette each had a goal and an assist to pace Canada, who fell 4-2 to defending champion United States to open the tournament Saturday in Malmo, Sweden.

Captain Marie-Philip Poulin and defender Laura Fortino also scored for Canada.

Ann-Renee Desbiens earned the 19-save shutout in her first career start for the national team.

The Russian tandem of Yulia Leskina and Maria Sorokina stopped a combined 38 shots in the loss.

Canada wraps up pool play Tuesday against Finland. The championship game is Saturday.

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IN BRIEF

Smooth sailing for 67's through two games

Scoring goals is not a problem for the Ottawa 67's so far this post season, as the team has racked up 16 goals in just two games against the Niagara Ice Dogs.

They will try to continue their winning ways Monday, as they travel to Niagara for Game 3 of the OHL playoffs.

If the 67's stars keep rolling like they have, Ottawa should have no problem cruising through the series, as Dante Salituro and captain Travis Konecny have com-

bined for an impressive 13 points through two games.

Salituro leads all OHL players with four goals and three assists in the playoffs.

Game 1 was a back-and-forth grudge match, with both teams trading goals until Ottawa put it away 8-5. Game 2 at TD Place Arena wasn't so balanced, as Konecny's four assists helped The 67's trounce the Ice Dogs 8-2.

The 67's head to Niagara for Game 3 Monday and Game 5 Wednesday. Puck drop is at 7 p.m. on both nights. METRO

Spartans stun Cardinals

NCAA BASKETBALL

Seventh seed advances to Final Four after OT triumph

Coach Tom Izzo and the Michigan State Spartans capped an improbable run to the Final Four with an overtime win.

Senior guard Travis Trice scored 17 points and the seventh-seeded Spartans clamped down on defence to pull out a 76-70 victory over fourth-seeded Louisville in a thrilling NCAA Tournament East Regional final Sunday.

The Spartans (28-11), who were nearly counted out of the tournament conversation in February, won for the 12th time in 15 games. It's a run that included them knocking off second-seeded Virginia last weekend and third-seeded Oklahoma in the regional semifinal on Friday.

Michigan State advances to face Duke.

Wayne Blackshear had 28 points for the Cardinals (27-9)



Michigan State's Branden Dawson, left, and Gavin Schilling converge on Louisville's Mangok Mathiang on Sunday in Syracuse, N.Y. SETH WENIG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

in a game that featured 11 lead changes.

It's the ninth Final Four appearance for the Spartans, and first since 2010, when they lost 52-50 to Butler in the national semifinals. Izzo has led them to seven Final Fours including the



We believe in ourselves.

Michigan State forward
Denzel Valentine

2000 national championship.

The Spartans did it with perseverance and with a roster that was regarded as having less talent than the team that lost in the regional final to Connecticut a year ago. Michigan State lost three of its top

+ FINAL FOUR

The undefeated Kentucky Wildcats (38-0) will take on the Wisconsin Badgers (35-3) on Saturday.

four scorers.

"Everybody doubted us. Everybody had us down and out," said junior forward Denzel Valentine, who had 15 points. "They didn't have us making the tournament. We just kept strong."

Trice was so elated and drained following the victory that he fell to his knees at centre court and began sobbing. He was joined by his teammates and members of his family.

The Spartans rallied from a 40-32 halftime deficit to eventually build a 61-59 lead with 3:57 left, when Trice hit two free throws.

The Cardinals rallied and had a chance to pull out the victory in regulation. Down 65-64, Mangok Mathiang hit one of two free throws with 4.9 seconds left.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Blue Devils burn Bulldogs

A special group of freshmen is taking Duke and Coach K back to the NCAA Final Four.

The Blue Devils and their trio of freshmen starters are going to their 16th Final Four, a record-matching 12th for coach Mike Krzyzewski, after a 66-52 win Sunday in the South Regional over Gonzaga.

Justise Winslow, the freshman playing at home in Houston, had 16 points, including a big three-pointer in the closing minutes. Matt Jones also had 16 points, freshman Tyus Jones had 15 points and Jahliel Okafor recorded nine points and eight rebounds.

Duke (33-4), the region's No. 1 seed, is going to Indianapolis to play Michigan State in the Final Four.

Krzyzewski is going to the Final Four for the 12th time, matching UCLA's John Wooden for the most by a head coach and five more than anyone else.

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IN BRIEF

Northern Ireland beats Finland in Euro qualifying

Northern Ireland moved a step closer to appearing in a first major tournament since 1986 by beating Finland 2-1 on Sunday, tightening its grip on second place in Group F of European Championship qualifying.

Kyle Lafferty scored both of Northern Ireland's goals in the first half at Windsor Park, taking the striker's tally in qualifying to five goals.

The Northern Irish have won four of their five qualifiers and are a point behind Romania, which beat the Faeroe Islands 1-0 on Claudiu Keseru's 21st-minute goal.

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Jimenez keeps Jays bats at bay in an Orioles victory

Ubaldo Jimenez allowed one run in six innings Sunday, helping a Baltimore Orioles split squad beat the Toronto Blue Jays 4-2.

Jimenez, who entered with a 6.06 ERA in five exhibition starts, gave up a fourth-inning home run to Josh Donaldson. A 2010 all-star, Jimenez allowed five hits, struck out three and walked one.

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FORMULA ONE

Ferrari's Vettel ends Mercedes' streak

Fears that Mercedes would dominate the 2015 Formula One season were swept aside in a flash of Ferrari red on Sunday as a tearful Sebastian Vettel won the Malaysian Grand Prix and announced himself as a genuine title contender.

Most observers were gloomily predicting another one-sided season after Mercedes recorded a comfortable one-two finish in the season opener in Australia, but two weeks later the picture was very different as Ferrari capitalized on searing track temperatures and some rare Mercedes mistakes to take

a drought-breaking victory.

Coming off eight straight wins and with Lewis Hamilton on pole, there was every reason to expect another Mercedes stroll. However, a track temperature of 61 C at the start of the race exposed a chink in Mercedes' armour, as their tires degraded more quickly than Vettel's.

The turning point of the race came on just lap four when the safety car emerged. Vettel, who had been trailing Hamilton up to that point, elected to stay out while both Mercedes cars pitted. Vettel was in control from then on. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Sebastian Vettel stayed cool in searing conditions on Sunday to win the Malaysian Grand Prix. ANDY WONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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RECIPE Mushroom and Spinach Miniature Lasagna Rolls

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Ready in

Prep time: 20 minutes

Bake time: 33 minutes

This is a great way to make individual servings of lasagna, not to mention a tasty vegetarian option.

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F.

2. Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add the lasagna noodles and cook for about 8 minutes or until the noodles are just tender. Drain and rinse with cold water. Set aside.

3. Lightly coat a large, nonstick skillet with cooking spray, add the oil, onion, garlic and mushrooms and sauté for 8 minutes or just until the mushrooms are no longer wet. Add the spinach and allow the spinach to wilt, about 3 minutes. Remove the skillet from the heat and add the ricotta, mozzarella and Parmesan cheeses, mustard, salt and pepper.

4. Place the mixture in the bowl of a food processor and pulse on and off until it is uniformly chopped.

5. Pour 1 cup of the tomato sauce into a 9- x 13-inch casserole dish. Spread about 1/4 cup

of the cheese mixture along the length of each sheet. Roll up each noodle and cut in half. Place in baking dish with the ruffled side of lasagna facing up. Pour the remaining 1/3 cup of the tomato sauce over and sprinkle with the grated mozzarella cheese. Cover with foil and bake for 20 minutes or just until hot.

Ingredients

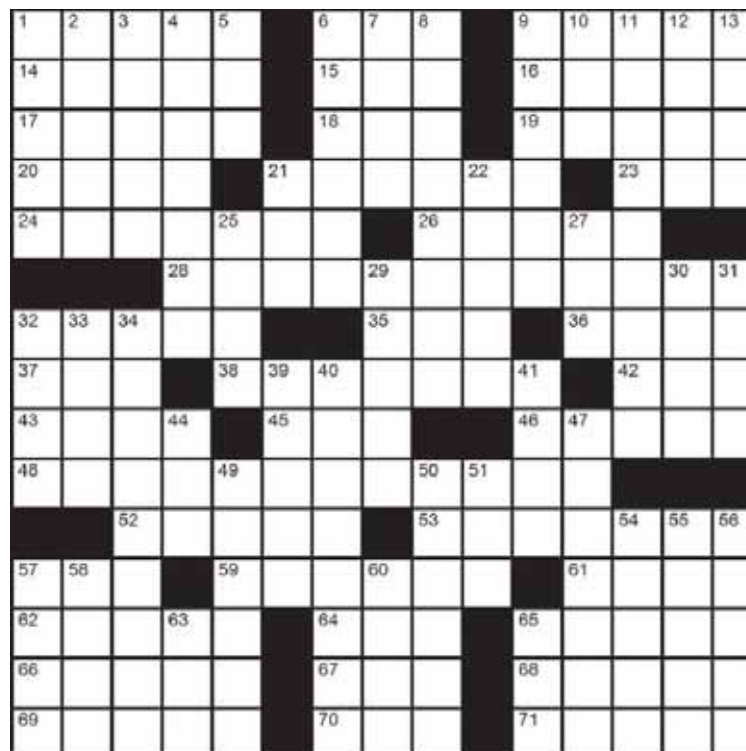
- 8 lasagna noodles
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 cups finely chopped onion
- 2 tsp finely chopped garlic
- 3 cups chopped mushrooms
- 4 cups fresh baby spinach
- 3/4 cup light ricotta (5%)
- 2/3 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 tsp Dijon mustard
- pinch of salt and pepper
- 1 1/3 cups tomato sauce, divided
- 3 Tbsp shredded mozzarella cheese

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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ACROSS

- Persnickety people
- Computer co.
- Stands
- ___ Supreme (French) = The Supreme Being (English)
- Writing guidebook, ___ Style Manual
- Tennis great Chris
- The Writers' ___ of Canada
- Little, in Lyon
- Captain Nemo creator Jules
- 'Soups' lister
- Jason __, Matt Damon role
- Web connect- or [abbr.]
- The __ (Trendy area of Toronto)
- Ancient Greek colony
- Twisty treat at Tim Hortons: 2 wds.
- Movie star Willem
- Purpose
- Mr. Day, "American Idol" Season 1 competitor
- There: Latin
- Most genuine
- Latin for 'eggs'
- Brand for foamy toys
- 'Begone!'
- Foil-like weapons
- Manitoba's provincial bird: 3 wds.
- Short
- Greek alpha-

bet's fifth letter
57. Cool __ _ cucumber
59. Look around the store
61. Chocolate bar brand
62. Singer, Frankie __
64. Plunder
65. Respect rules
66. "There's __ _ few

left." ...observed the shopper
67. Actor Mr. Gulager
68. Actor Tim
69. __ up (Becomes smarter)
70. Tiny amphibian
71. Got gossip

DOWN

- Eve of "The Brady Bunch"
- Ms. Zellweger
- __ (Music legend Ms. Turner's autobiography)
- Marx Brothers brother
- Ott. hockey player
- Be a demanding guest
- Sky's colour, en francais
- Quebec: La __ National Park
- ARC = Agence du __ du Canada
- 'Select' suffix
- "Mistake": Hit for what Canadian rock band?: 2 wds.

- Coastal birds
- Process piece
- Mr. Affleck
- Averages
- Tiller
- 'Project' suffix
- Conference of 1945 of the Big Three
- House's gutter locale
- Scandinavian rugs
- Kitchen timer sound!
- Berliner's 'but'
- "Sugar Shack" by Jimmy Gilmer & The __
- Urging-on person
- 'A' and 'F' of RCAF: 2 wds.
- __ Falls (Tallest waterfall in Hamilton)
- Not near
- Ductile
- Leg bones
- "I realize that, however...": 2 wds.
- Poet's 'not closed'
- Priestess in Georges Bizet opera The Pearl Fishers
- Decree
- "There's __ _ in sight!"
- Profess
- __-Flush
- Howling hunter
- Caustic solution
- "In-teereesting!"

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You seem to be working harder than ever but not getting much to show for it. Don't worry. The Sun in your sign means you are guaranteed some sort of return on the efforts you are making.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You are trying to make sense of something that makes no sense at all, so it is no wonder you are getting frustrated. Some puzzles are best left unsolved.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
The consequences of something you did weeks and maybe even months ago will catch up with you over the next few days. Chances are it will be quite enjoyable.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
It isn't enough that you just feel confident, you must apply that confidence and get important things done. Both in your personal life and at work there are changes that need to be made.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
No one has the right to tell you what to believe or what to do and anyone who tries will feel the rough edge of your tongue. Better you go too far than let them think you are an easy touch.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Nothing truly happens by chance and if you keep that thought in mind today you will be able to make sense of something that leaves others baffled.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Is there some overall goal you are working towards in life? If not, now is the time to decide who or what you should devote yourself to — besides yourself, of course!

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
It won't be long before you look back at something that is causing you grief and realize how unimportant it was. Get over it and give yourself a break.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You can turn almost any situation to your advantage now but don't get carried away and take on someone who is obviously several leagues above you on the power ladder.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Work hard early in the day because the afternoon and evening will bring social opportunities you won't want to miss. Don't burden yourself with unnecessary deadlines.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If you don't tell the absolute truth about yourself today you will regret it later in the week when your evasive tactics are revealed for the world to see. Put everything in the public domain.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
It does not matter that you have made some kind of mistake, what matters is that you learn from it. Don't be too stubborn to admit that you got it wrong, it's no big deal. You are human like everyone else.

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